

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 12-22 remain pending in the application including independent claims 1, 2, 14, and 19. New dependent claims 23-25 have been added. Claim 5 is indicated as allowable.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 12-15, and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trinh (US 6932198) in view of McEachran (US 2521988). Claim 1 recites the combination of a support pivotally mounted at an angle relative to a rotatable brake member, and a friction member pivotally mounted relative to the support and slideable along the support between engaged and disengaged positions.

The examiner argues that Trinh discloses a support 20 pivotally mounted relative to a brake member 12 and a friction member 14 mounted relative to the support and slideable along the support. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Trinh discloses a caliper 18 that is fixed to a body with a fastener 21. The caliper 18 includes a pocket 15 that receives a wedge member 20. The wedge member 20 is pivotally connected to the brake pad 14 with a pivot pin 22. As such, wedge 20 rotates about the pin 22. The wedge member 20 remains stationary with respect to the caliper 18 until purposefully moved by the motor 60 to change the wedge angle 69 (see col. 4, lines 1-18; col. 6, lines 49-67). There is no teaching that the brake pad 14, with the friction element, is slidable along the support.

The examiner has identified element 20 as corresponding to the claimed support and has identified the element at 14 as corresponding to the claimed friction member. As discussed above, these two elements are pivotally connected to each other at 22, and as such, the friction element 14 is incapable of being slideable along the support 20. Thus, contrary to the examiner's assertion, Trinh does not disclose a friction member that is slideable along a support as defined in the claims. McEachran also does not disclose such a configuration. Thus, claim 1 is allowable over the recited combination. For similar reasons, claims 2-4, 6, 8, 12-15, and 17-22 are also allowable over the recited combination.

Finally, new dependent claims 23-25 are also allowable over the recited prior art for the reasons set forth above. Further, claim 23 recites that the support is pivotally mounted relative to the rotatable brake member at a pivot, and that a frictional force generated between the friction member and the rotatable brake member moves the friction member along the support toward the

pivot. None of the recited references disclose this feature. Thus, claim 23 is additionally allowable for this reason. Claims 24-25 are allowable for this same reason.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and requests an indication of such. Fees in the amount of \$130.00 for a one-month extension of time in which to file this response may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds. Fees in the amount of \$104.00 for two additional claims over twenty should be charged to the same account. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the same Deposit Account for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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